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SUBJ: REASON FOR SOVIET AMBASSADOR'S RELUCTANCE TO BE DIPLOMATIC  
CORPS DEAN

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1. SOVIET EMBASSY FIRST SECRETARY ALEXANDRE GRIGORIANTS, DURING CONVERSATION WITH EMBASSY POLITICAL OFFICER ON JANUARY 30, BROUGHT UP MATTER OF SOVIET AMBASSADOR MALYCHEV'S MEETING WITH SEVEN OTHER AMBASSADORS IN YAOUNDE ON JANUARY 28 WHICH WAS DESCRIBED REFTEL (WHICH YAOUNDE REPEATING TO SEOUL). GRIGORIANTS CLAIMED AMBASSADOR MALYCHEV HAD CONVOKED THE MEETING IN ORDER TO ASK THE AMBASSADORS FOR THEIR ADVICE ABOUT WHETHER HE SHOULD REFUSE TO ACCEPT THE POSITION OF DEAN OF THE DIPLOMATIC CORPS SINCE HE CANNOT, AS SOVIET AMBASSADOR, TAKE COGNIZANCE OR RECOGNIZE THE EXISTENCE OF THE SOUTH KOREAN AMBASSABMR IN YAOUNDE.

2. GRIGORIANTS SAID THAT AMBASSADOR MALYCHEV IS AWARE THAT HIS REFUSAL TO INVITE THE SOUTH KOREAN AMBASSADOR TO THE DIPLOMATIC CORPS FAREWELL PARTY GIVEN BY HIM AT THE SOVIET EMBASSY FOR THE DEPARTING DEAN, NIGERIAN AMBASSADOR SADA, HAD CAUSED UNFAVORABLE COMMENT IN THE CORPS. IN REPLY TO THE POLITICAL OFFICER'S QUEST-

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TION, GRIGORIANTS SAID THAT AMBASSADOR MALYCHEV DID NOT INVITE

THE AMERICAN AMBASSADOR TO THE JANUARY 28 MEETING BECAUSE HE KNEW OF HIS OUTSPOKEN POSITION AS REGARDS THE SOUTH KOREAN AMBASSADOR (BIG SMILE). MALYCHEV THEREFORE DECIDED TO INVITE THE CANADIAN AMBASSADOR AS "THE REPRESENTATIVE OF THE NORTH AMERICAN CONTINENT".

3. GRIGORIANTS REPORTED THAT NOTHING WAS DEFINITELY DECIDED AT THE MEETING AND HE DID NOT KNOW OF MALYCHEV WOULD DECIDE TO RELINQUISH THE POSITION OF DEAN, ALTHOUGH HE (GRIGORIANTS) THOUGHT IT LIKELY THAT HE WOULD. HE ALSO MENTIONED THAT MALYCHEV TOLD THE AMBASSADORS PRESENT THAT HE WOULD HAVE NO OBJECTION TO SEEING THE NEXT SENIOR AMBASSADOR, ZAIRIAN AMBASSADOR TUMA-WAKU DIA BAZIKA ASSUME THE POSITION OF DEAN. (FYI: NEXT IN LINE AFTER ZAIRE AMBASSADOR IS NORTH KOREA. END FYI). GRIGORIANTS STRESSED THAT THE JANUARY 28 MEETING WAS NOT A FORMAL MEETING OF THE CORPS BUT ONLY AN INFORMAL GATHERING OF A FEW AMBASSADORS TO WHOM MALYCHEV VISITED TO EXPLAIN HIS SITUATION AND TO ASK FOR THEIR ADVICE.

4. COMMENT. IT WAS APPARENT THAT GRIGORIANTS HAD BEEN INSTRUCTED TO PASS THE ABOVE "MESSAGE" TO THE EMBASSY. IT IS POSSIBLE THAT MALYCHEV REALIZED HE HAD MADE A DIPLOMATIC FAUX PAS BY NOT CONVOKING THE ENTIRE CORPS AND ESPECIALLY BY POINTEDLY OMITTING TO INVITE THE AMERICAN AMBASSADOR.

5. ACTION REQUESTED. TO PERMIT US TO HANDLE SITUATION AS EFFECTIVELY AS POSSIBLE, EMBASSY WOULD APPRECIATE RECEIVING ASAP:

(A) RELEVANT INFO ON NORMAL RESPONSIBILITIES IN THEORY AND PRACTICE OF DEAN OF CORPS VIS-A-VIS MEMBERS REPRESENTING COUNTRIES NOT RECOGNIZED BY HIS OWN.

(B) INFO ON HOW SOVIETS HAVE HANDLED SUCH SITUATIONS IN PAST.

(C) CUSTOM AND PRECEDENTS RE SENIOR AMBASSADOR RESIGNING FROM POSITION AS DEAN OR FULFILLING ONLY PART OF NORMAL DEANSHIP FUNCTIONS.

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